Environmental impact of disappearance of wells in Kerala

2180. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a strange phenomena of disappearance of wells in several parts of Kerala has been brought to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government consider to conduct any study to find out environmental, ecological and geological impact of the phenomena?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Open-well collapses have occurred in several localities across the State of Kerala during the month of June, 2001. Teams of Scientists from different organizations have conducted investigations in various parts of the State and have submitted a report providing a detailed account of their findings related to geological, mircoseismic and other aspect of the problem.

Restructuring the posts of IFS

†2181. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1490, given in Rajya Sabha on 9th March, 2001 and state:

(a) by when the process for restructuring posts in the IFS would be completed; and

(b) the reasons for not linking the posts filling under the Central Government with it?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Finalisation of Cadre review proposals, wherever due, would depend upon receipt of proposals from the State Governments concerned. Of the 24 State Cadres of the IFS, though the review has become due in 16 cases, proposals have been received

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in respect of 7 Cadres only. These are being examined in consultation with the State Governments concerned.

(b) Posts under the Central Government are deputation posts and not cadre posts. These are, therefore, not linked with cadre restructuring.

Amount under Rashtriya Mahila Kosh in Rajasthan

2182. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rashtriya Mahila Kosh has been set up to provide easy loans to women;

(b) the quantum of amount disbursed from the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh to women to Rajasthan, till date, since its inception, year-wise; and

(c) the details of assessment of disbursement of loan?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 219.235 lakh have been disbursed till date. Year-wise release of funds by the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh to the Intermediate Microcredit Organisations in Rajasthan, till date, since inception, are as follows:—

Year	Amount released (Rupees in lakhs)
1994	14.400
1995	33.035
1996	50.000